

**AVON TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Avon Town Hall, in the Selectmen's Chamber as well as via GoToMeeting by Chairman Polhamus. Members present: Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico. A quorum was present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Polhamus.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: None

IV. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING: April 7, 2022

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accept the minutes of the April 7, 2022 Meeting as drafted. Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

V. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE - None

VI. COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Ausiello noted the Green Living Festival that Carrie Firestone is working hard on and will be held next Saturday, May 14th 1-4 p.m. at the Avon Congregational Church.

Mr. Indomenico noted that the Police Department held a recent stuff-a-cruiser event sponsored by Movement Mortgage Company and filled two cruisers with food for the Avon Food Pantry.

Mrs. Maguire noted that we had two very successful events with Bike Walk Avon with the trail clean-up, filling seventeen bags of trash, with help from Avon Lions Club, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts and Police Department; we also collected 120 bikes during the Bike Collection event last weekend with help from Avon Lions Club. She mentioned the passing of Art Hennig who was instrumental in Town for thirty plus years; he and his wife started the Avon Soccer Club organization; please keep their family in your prayers. The Town Manager added that Art and Pat Hennig founded the Avon Soccer Club in 1978; Art was President up until the time he passed away; there will be an upcoming scoreboard donation for Fisher Meadows. Mrs. Maguire recognized the Class of 2022; her sons are graduating; it is an exciting and emotional time; congratulations to all upcoming graduates!

Mr. Weber echoed Mrs. Maguire's comments regarding trail clean-up and the bike collection; the Farmington Valley Trail Council and the Towns of Farmington and Simsbury also participated in the trail clean-up and expressed thanks. He noted that Officer Connole raised \$9,000 towards the Special Olympics and would love to hear how that was raised; great work! He asked all to watch out for bikers and cyclists as the weather gets warmer.

Chairman Polhamus noted that Earth Day was great with an excellent turnout. He noted the Bike to School event held yesterday despite the rain; more and more families are joining; Town Council Bike Ride is postponed until May 19th. He added that Bike Walk Avon is very active and have done a lot of great things. He noted that he and Mrs. Maguire attended a sponsor soiree hosted by Dawn Zavalishin with Bottoms Up and she thanked the Town as a high level sponsor, specifically the Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager, Director of Planning and Community Development and the Director of Recreation and Parks.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

14/15-20 A. Old Farms Road Presentation by Town Engineer:

Old Farms Road Bridge – State Project No. 04-116

Old Farms Road Phase 1 – North/South Section – State Project No. L004-0001

Old Farms Road Phase 2 – East/West Section – State Project No. L004-0002

The Town Manager recognized Larry Baril, Town Engineer, for his diligence with these projects; to date, largely through his efforts, we have secured \$9 million in funding for these projects. Larry Baril, Town Engineer, made a presentation (which is attached and made part of these minutes). He noted that the Bridge Project is almost 100% complete and then there is the North/South Section and East/West Section who have to do with the reconstruction of Old Farms Road west of where the Bridge Project ended; there is a big push on this concept called Complete Streets and multimodal transportation; the two bridges in the East/West Section will be replaced and the road will be widened keeping it rural. He noted that a roundabout would benefit that North/South Section; the analysis cost to be paid by Avon Old Farms School; and the State approved it; all LOTCIP funding, \$5.1 million, is to cover 100% of the construction costs of the North/South Section Project; a lot of the construction can happen without impacting existing traffic on Old Farms Road; the roundabout and tie in points will impact existing traffic. He concluded that all three projects make what effectively is a solid alternative way for people to go from Hartford, West Hartford, Farmington, through and into Avon into Canton and points to the west without having to deal with Route 44.

The Town Manager noted that how we persuaded the State to take on the Bridge Project was in 2010 at about the same time we were doing the impact study of UConn Health and Jackson Labs and would generate more traffic. He added that we are finalizing agreements with Avon Old Farms School and we are moving towards a referendum process, and design and bidding; there will be more public information meetings as we go through this, probably sometime over the summer. Mrs. Maguire noted that the overall design is going to be fantastic, a better and safer road; a lot of work on the Town staff's part. Chairman Polhamus noted that North/South Section should be covered by grants and very likely will not run into a referendum problem; the East/West Section will involve a referendum in the amount of \$4 million. The Town Manager noted that taking the system as a total project cost and what the Town contribution is as a percentage, probably under 20%. Chairman Polhamus noted that the total project is a huge benefit to the Town, including connections to the Rails-to-Trails. The Town Manager noted that if a referendum for the East/West Section doesn't pass, we lose out on all of the connections, the road is due for a road overlay; it would be unfortunate. In response to a question from Mrs. Maguire, the Town Manager responded that there is no time limit with the grant money. Mr. Baril added that LOTCIP funding is contingent upon doing the project as it was presented. He noted that a multi-use trail is like a rail trail, a ten foot wide paved trail. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. Baril responded that it would likely be a high

priority area for Public Works to do a true mill and overlay on the old section at the end of the Old Farms Road Project section up to the Fisher Meadows trailhead but would defer to the Director of Public Works. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Weber, Mr. Baril responded that regarding improving pedestrian/cyclist safety, the trail is going to be separate from the road, probably three feet depending on the impact of wetlands; our goal is to build a standard 24' wide road with 11' lanes providing opportunity for cyclists to be on the road as well as on the trail. Ms. Ausiello noted several downed trees in the woods. Mr. Baril responded that there will be no trees in the "clear zone" as part of the construction process; Public Works remove downed trees in the public right-of-way; it is a more challenging task with private properties. The Town Manager noted that our Director of Public Works is our Tree Warden. Ms. Ausiello suggested a drive through that area. Mr. Baril noted that the East/West Section will look very different once the project is completed. Council thanked Mr. Baril for his presentation.

**B. Review, Discuss, and Set Public Hearing: Old Farms Road – State Project
No. 04-118 – State of CT Property Transfers to Avon**

Larry Baril, Town Engineer, shared a few more slides regarding this item (which is attached and made part of these minutes). He noted that the State bought the parcel area and split it into three pieces, noted as Parcel 1, Parcel 2, and the third parcel is where Old Farms Road Bridge is; the State is giving us all three parcels, but at this time they are only ready to give us Parcel 1 and Parcel 2; a public hearing is required to accept these two parcels; as documentation is completed, they will then turn over the middle parcel which is where the roadway and right-of-way is.

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council set a public hearing to be held at their June 2, 2022 meeting to consider the acceptance of the title of two parcels of land situated in the Town of Avon, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut shown and designated on the map: "Town of Avon Map Showing Land Released to Town of Avon by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Intersection of Old Farms Road and Waterville Road (CT Route 10), Scale 1:500, January 2021, Scott A. Hill, P.E. Chief Engineer – Bureau of Engineering and Construction, and bounded and describes as follows: Parcel No. 1: located on the westerly side of Present Waterville Road (CT Rte. 10), containing 3,016.6 square meters, more or less, (32,471 square feet, more or less). Parcel No. 2: located on the westerly side of Present Waterville Road (CT Rte. 10), containing 4,890.1 square meters, more or less, (1.208 acres, more or less).

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-28 FY 22/23 Budget Development

Chairman Polhamus noted that the Town Meeting was held on Monday night, sparse attendance, and it adjourned to the Referendum that is scheduled for May 11th from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Senior Center. He added that during today's Farmington Valley Collaborative Meeting most towns reported low mill rate increases for FY 23. The Town Manager reported that there will be an item on the Board of Finance's next meeting agenda to set the motor vehicle tax rate at the State's cap of 32.46 Mills which will be lower than our proposed tax rate for FY 23; the Town should receive a State grant to make up for the shortfall of about \$500,000.

21/22-46 American Rescue Plan Act: Discussion re: Projects List

Chairman Polhamus reported that Susan Rietano-Davey shall be attending Council's June meeting to discuss an ARPA funding request related to the Avon High School press box with a project cost of \$125,000 with half of that being fundraised. It was requested to have the Director of Planning Community Development attend Council's June 2nd meeting to speak to the ARPA funding request related to the Connectivity Plan Project. The Town Manager noted that Simsbury and Canton approved their Farmington Valley Health District ARPA funding requests. Discussion with this agenda item will continue at the next meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Indomenico, the Town Manager responded that if a donation/grant is secured for the Sycamore Hills Multi-Purpose Room, the ARPA funds originally allocated would go back into the ARPA funds account. In response to a question from Mrs. Maguire, the Assistant Town Manager reported that there would be bathrooms in the Sycamore Hills Multi-Purpose Room; this room will be adjacent to the Senior Center and not be able to get from one space to the other and that is on purpose. The Town Manager will have Town staff and the architect make a presentation regarding Senior Center projects at Council's June 2nd meeting. Chairman Polhamus noted the \$100,000 State ARPA funds received through Representatives DeGraw and Exum that could potentially cover the Senior Center Cosmetic Improvements with the balance to another project with the Senior Center. Council gave consensus for Town staff to prepare supplemental appropriations for the Town-wide Fiber Network Project, Avon Historical Society Schoolhouse 3, and FVHD Request for Council's June 2nd meeting; if the Sycamore Hills Shade Shelters (3) can be done this season we should move forward. Chairman Polhamus noted a few residents submitting requests for road improvements.

21/22-63 Appointment: Building Code Board of Appeals (D – 12/31/2023)

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoint Micah Rousey to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy with a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**21/22-103 Eagle Scout Proclamations**

Chairman Polhamus noted that seven Scouts will be receiving Eagle Scout rank at an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on Sunday, June 5th of which he and Mr. Weber plan to attend. He read the proclamation aloud.

May 5, 2022

Permit the Town Council to join your many friends in offering our heartiest congratulations upon your achievement as an Eagle Scout.

This is indeed an appropriate honor for the many years you have spent as a Boy Scout. Through the years you have spent in scouting you have had to show qualities of leadership, integrity, loyalty, and service to your troop, community, school, religion, and your friends.

The high standards of the Boy Scouts of America are well known and your elevation to Eagle Scout most certainly attests to your fulfillment of their high standards.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement!

Dan Polhamus, Chairman
Avon Town Council

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve proclamations for the following Scouts that will achieve Eagle rank: Ian Paul Anderson, Jack Manuel O'Donnell, Thomas Robert McCue, Sean Rylan Conner Frost, Nils Padraig Jerger, Seth Robert Donlin, and Andrew James Rock.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-104 Proclamation: LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Flag Display

Chairman Polhamus noted the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding the display of flags; we will seek input from our legal counsel for next month's meeting. He noted that we certainly look forward to pride month and some events are being planned.

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council table agenda item 21/22-104 Proclamation: LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Flag Display to the June 2, 2022 meeting.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-105 Proclamation: National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

WHEREAS, this year's annual observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held virtually on May 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a joint resolution of the United States Congress, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, established an annual day for prayer; and

WHEREAS, the declaration was amended in 1988 by both Chambers of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan, setting the permanent date for the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May each year; and

WHEREAS, on this day we reflect upon the freedom and prosperity enjoyed by both the State of Connecticut and our Nation; and

THEREFORE, I, Dan Polhamus, as Chairman of the Town Council of Avon, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the 5th of May, 2022 as the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Avon, Connecticut.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Weber, Polhamus, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-106 Supplemental Appropriation: Board of Education IT Improvements (ARPA), (MR46 WiFi Access Points, MR76 WiFi Access Points, BenQ Panels, QNAP Security Camera Server), \$236,000

Chairman Polhamus noted that we are recognizing that the Board of Education should have a chunk of the ARPA funds, about 20% of the overall funds, and we are trusting their judgement on the best use of these funds.

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$236,000.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, BOE CIP-Facilities, BOE IT Improvements-ARPA, Account #50-4859-53461 in the amount of \$236,000.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards making IT improvements for the Board of Education such as: updated wireless network access points, panels with broadcast capabilities, and additional security camera servers.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-107 Supplemental Appropriation: Avon High School Variable Air Volume Units (ARPA), \$341,000

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$341,000.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, BOE CIP-Facilities, AHS Variable Air Volume Units-ARPA, Account #50-4859-53463 in the amount of \$341,000.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards the replacement of variable air volume boxes at Avon High School.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Indomenico, Weber, and Polhamus voted in favor.

21/22-108 Supplemental Appropriation: Board of Education Districtwide Library Carpet Replacement (ARPA), \$280,000

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$280,000.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, BOE CIP-Facilities, BOE DW Library Carpet Replacement-ARPA, Account #50-4859-53466 in the amount of \$280,000.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards the replacement of carpet in BOE library spaces.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Indomenico, Polhamus, and Weber voted in favor.

21/22-109 Supplemental Appropriation: Town Office 365 Implementation (ARPA), \$38,000

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$38,000.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Town CIP-Facilities, Office 365 Implementation-ARPA, Account #50-4829-53465 in the amount of \$38,000.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards the migration of all Town email accounts to Office 365, a cloud service run by Microsoft.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Indomenico, and Weber voted in favor.

21/22-110 Supplemental Appropriation: Town Technology Refresh (ARPA), \$98,100

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$98,100.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Town CIP-Equip., Technology Refresh-ARPA, Account #50-4837-53467 in the amount of \$98,100.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards updating the Town's core technology.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-111 Supplemental Appropriation: Buckingham Baseball Infield Renovations (ARPA), \$67,000

In response to a question from Mr. Indomenico, the Town Manager responded that this work will be contracted out.

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 21/22 Budget by increasing:

REVENUES

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Intergovernmental, American Rescue Plan Act Grant Revenue, Account #50-0330-44037 in the amount of \$67,000.00 and increasing:

APPROPRIATIONS

American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Town CIP-Facilities, Buckingham Infield Renovations-ARPA, Account #50-4829-53470 in the amount of \$67,000.00, for the purpose of allocating funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act towards the renovation of the infield of the baseball field at Buckingham Park.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-112 Review, Discuss, and Set Public Hearing: Solid Waste Ordinance, Chapter 51

The Town Manager noted that the State says we have an ordinance that provides for the waste handling in the Town; we've had one from time immemorial, updated about twenty-five years ago when we decided to go with CRRA as the regional waste handling facility; we did not update it

when we went to MIRA and now that we are moving away from MIRA we should update the change. He recognized the Assistant Town Manager and the Director of Public Works for their work on this.

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council set a public hearing to be held at their June 2, 2022 meeting to consider and permit all interested persons to speak on the plan of the Town Council to amend and restate Town Ordinance Chapter 51 – Solid Waste.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Weber, Indomenico, and Polhamus voted in favor.

21/22-113 Contract Extension: Transfer Station Disposal of Refuse

The Town Manager reported that this contract covers taking the material out of the transfer station; Paine's came back with a 5% increase, about \$5,700, for the one-year extension term.

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve a contract extension with Paine's Inc. with a term to be continued for one (1) year through June 30, 2023 for transfer station disposal of refuse.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Indomenico, and Weber voted in favor.

21/22-114 Appropriation: Compact Excavator for Public Works, \$74,196

The Town Manager noted that we have a separate account where every time we sell old vehicles or equipment, the value of those sales go into the capital asset replacement line item and we use those funds for smaller capital purchases like this. Chairman Polhamus noted that Public Works does great work and is sure this will be put to good use.

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council hereby favorably recommend to the Board of Finance, an appropriation not to exceed \$74,196, from General Fund, Other Financing Sources, Assigned to Capital Assets, Account # 01-0390-43928 and transfer from Account # 01-8700-58000, General Fund, Other Financing Uses, Interfund Transfers out to Account # 02-4844-53338, Capital Projects Fund (Facil & Equip), Town CIP-Equipment, Highway Division Equip. Replace and Account # 02-0390-43918 Capital Projects Fund (Facil & Equip) Other Financing Sources, Interfund Transfers In, in the amount of \$74,196, for the purpose of purchasing a compact excavator with a fixed rotating grapple.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Indomenico, Polhamus, and Weber voted in favor.

21/22-115 Set Public Hearing Date: Neighborhood Assistance Act

On a motion made by Mr. Indomenico, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council set a public hearing date to be held at their June 2, 2022 meeting to consider participation in the Neighborhood Assistance Act in accordance with Public Act 95-268.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Indomenico, and Weber voted in favor.

21/22-116 Approval of Real Estate Tax Refunds, \$8,557.38

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve real estate tax refunds to David Jay-Pei Jeng & Mee Jung Jang, \$3,314.02, David Jay-Pei Jeng & Mee Jung Jang \$3,445.97 and Matulaniec Family 2012 Irrevocable Tr., \$1,797.39.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Weber, Polhamus, and Indomenico voted in favor.

21/22-117 Director of Police Services-Compensated Absences

The Town Manager noted that this is not something that the Director of Police Services asked for; with his departure, he did ask for a shortened work week for the month of June, and thought it would be a very nice gesture on behalf of the Town, he has been with us for two and a half years, there were no benefits associated with the position, Council gave him a bank of 15 vacation days and sick time last year; he has done great for us.

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve an exception to Chapter 2, Second 3.2.c of the Personnel Rules and Regulations and permit the Town Manager to provide the Director of Police Services with an additional bank of 8 paid vacation days.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Indomenico, and Weber voted in favor.

The Town Manager noted that everything is looking great with the new Police Chief. Chairman Polhamus suggested that the new Police Chief be introduced during a public meeting.

21/22-118 Resignation: Avon Clean Energy Commission (R -12/31/2023)

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accept with regret the resignation of Melissa Firestone from the Avon Clean Energy Commission.

Mmes: Ausiello, Maguire, Messrs: Indomenico, Weber, and Polhamus voted in favor.

21/22-119 Appointment: Inland Wetlands Commission (R – 12/31/2023)

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council table agenda item 21/22-119 Appointment: Inland Wetlands Commission (R – 12/31/2023) to the June 2, 2022 meeting.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Indomenico, and Weber voted in favor.

XI. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT/MISCELLANEOUS

Misc. A: Purchasing Update: The Town Manager noted that regarding the RFP Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Disposal item, a contract recommendation should be ready for Council’s special meeting in May; regarding the RFP for Municipal Advisor Services item we have used Dennis Dix with Dixworks, LLC for about twenty-five years starting in 1997, he saw the Town through tremendous growth, was instrumental in getting the Town upgraded to AAA in 1997, and it’s time to look at the market; and work regarding the AVFD Master Plan is on track. Chairman

Polhamus noted that there will be some really good guidance coming out of this for a tentative five-year plan.

Misc. B: Construction Update: The Town Manager noted that regarding the Public Safety Communication System Project, we should have pricing back from Motorola in the next week or so, then we can do a side-by-side comparison of the State option versus the standalone option and then Council can start making decisions about direction; we have not filed yet with the CT Siting Council. He noted that the Town Clerk's Vault Addition Project should start in early summer. He noted that regarding the Sidewalk Replacement West Avon/Country Club/Scoville, we have not received any guidance from the federal government related to the grant and the project will likely be kicked back to 2023. The Assistant Town Manager noted that we won't do the work until we have the guidance; we asked for an extension from OPM for the STEAP funding for another year; it is not ideal but will still be a good project. The Town Manager noted that Town staff has a meeting with the Little League next week to discuss the Sperry Park Ball Field Project. Chairman Polhamus noted that is another item floating around related to ARPA funds.

Misc. C: Approved ARPA Projects Update: The Town Manager noted that going forward we will give Council a monthly update on the status of the ARPA Projects.

Misc. D: Town Council Policy #14: The Town Manager noted that a draft for an existing policy regarding community event funding, which originally dates back to 1983, is being put together and will be coming before the Town Council for review and discussion soon.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate
Personnel

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Indomenico, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council enter into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Weber, Indomenico, and Polhamus voted in favor.

The Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and Clerk attended the session.

XII. ADJOURN

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Mmes: Maguire, Ausiello, Messrs: Polhamus, Weber, and Indomenico voted in favor.

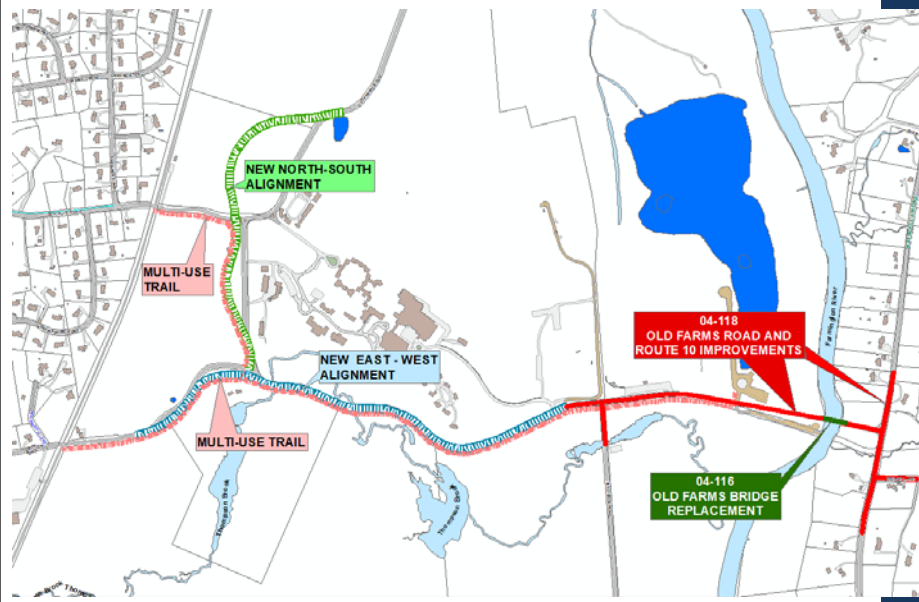
Attest: Jennifer Worsman, Clerk

Old Farms Road Projects Overview

Old Farms Road Reconstruction
& Old Farms Road, Bridge, &
Route 10

May 5, 2022

Project Locations – Historic Context

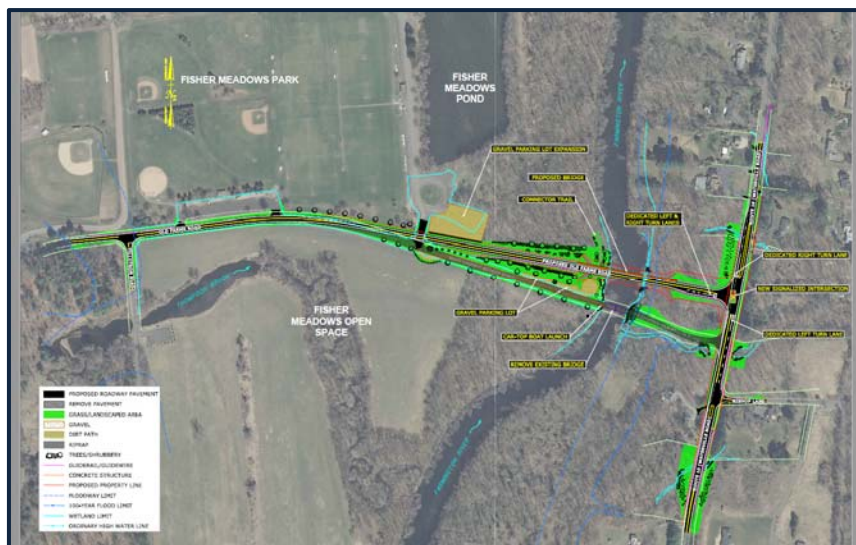


Old Farms Road, Bridge, Route 10

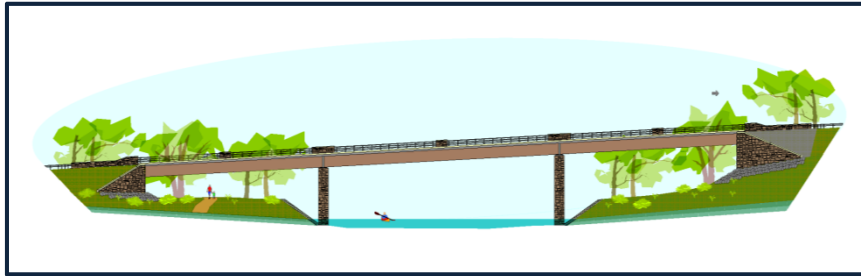
- Construction began December 2018
- Significant Archaeological find – field work completed April 2019; analysis on-going
- Bridge opened to traffic December 2019; 4 months ahead of schedule
- Substantial completion was achieved 3 months ahead of schedule
- Minor landscaping work completed 2021
- Currently working with CTDOT to acquire parcels
- FEMA documentation nearly completed

Note: State took over completing design, permitting, and construction saving Avon residents \$3M+

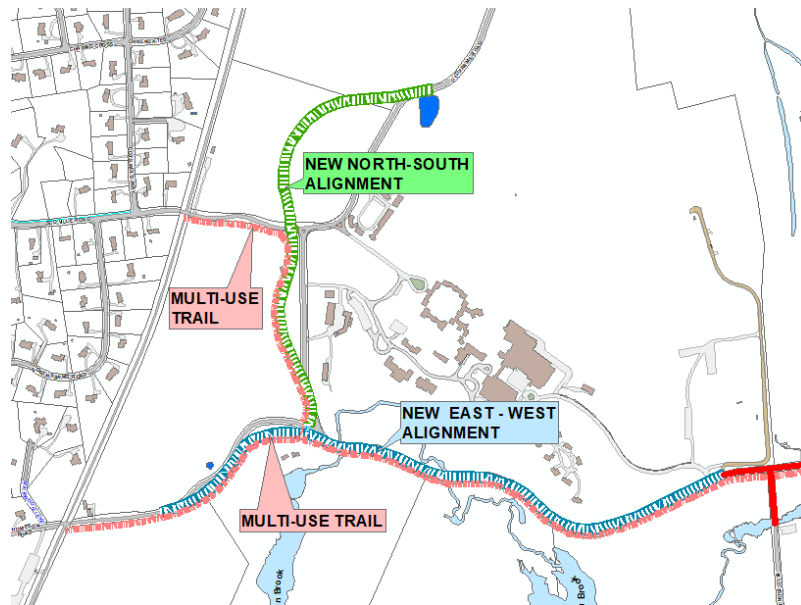
Old Farms Road, Bridge, Route 10



Old Farms Bridge Rendering – View Looking North



Old Farms Road Reconstruction North/South and East/West Sections



Old Farms Road Reconstruction

Brief History

- Under consideration since the late 1960s
- Numerous design concepts and environmental studies since then
- Unique in that there is only one abutter (AOFS)
 - AOFS Memorandum of Understanding for roadway swaps
- Much TOA energy spent in the early 2000s to move forward
- Received STP-Urban funding for North/South Section which was partially used to fund a Feasibility Study over entire area(2016)
- Results:
 - Purpose and Need was re-verified
 - Proceed with new alignment for North/South section
 - Rebuild East/West section in current alignment

Old Farms Road Reconstruction

Purpose and Need

Maintain the rural character of the corridor while:

- Improving roadway safety by eliminating non-standard curves, intersection geometries, improving sight lines, etc.
- Constructing industry-standard roadway structure that minimizes future maintenance and provides excellent ROI
- Improving pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Minimizing environmental impacts
- Providing important linkage from greenway trail to Fisher Meadows via dedicated multi-use trail

Old Farms Road Reconstruction

Current Status – North/South Section

- Reallocated remaining STP-Urban \$\$ to LOTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program)
- Applied for LOTCIP construction funding (\$3.0M) through CRCOG and CTDOT and succeeded
- AOFS letter confirming participation November 2017
- Notified that a rigorous CEPA process required – this was completed successfully in 2020
- Proceeded with design through 30% (Preliminary)

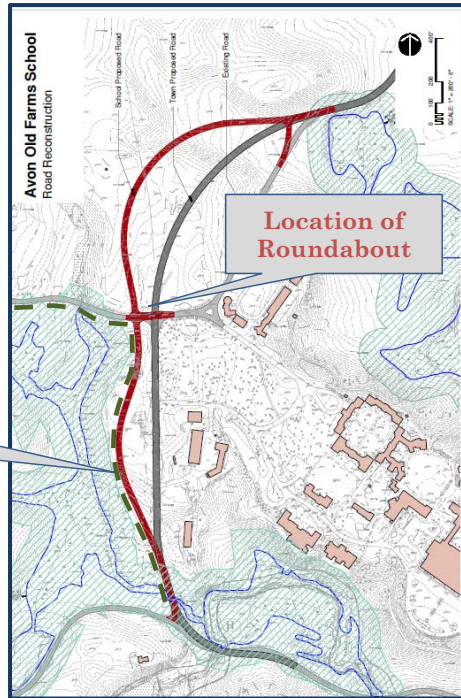
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Current Status – North/South Section

- Received comments from CTDOT
- Revisited roundabout at intersection of OFR and Scoville (which will become a primary campus entrance) to eliminate all-way stop
- Additional design and analysis: requested scope change from Transportation Committee and CTDOT
- Received approval from Transportation Committee; awaiting response from CTDOT; Cost increase of approx. \$1.7M – **The construction for this phase is fully funded via LOTCIP - \$5.1M**
- Hope to be bidding early 2023 and begin construction late spring 2023

North / South Section

Bike / Ped
Trail

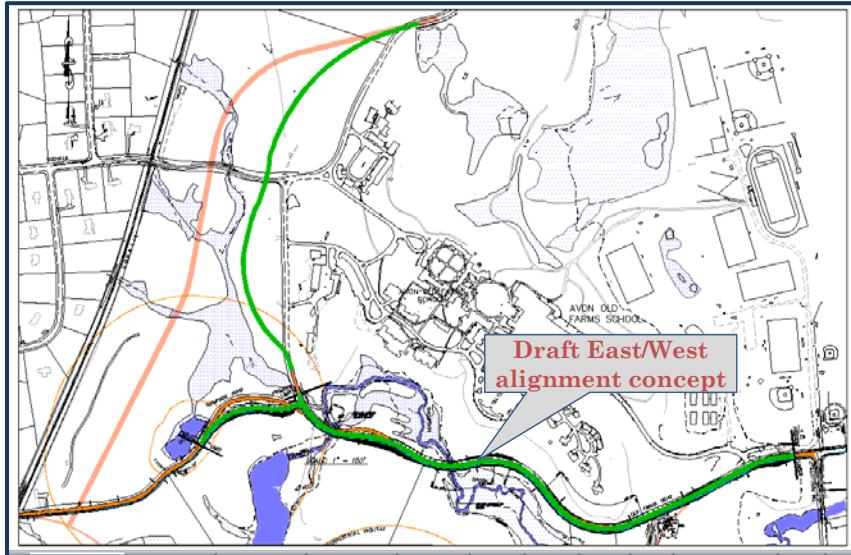


Old Farms Road Reconstruction Current Status – East/West Section

- Concept design prepared as part of feasibility study
- Applied for LOTCIP construction funding – received CTDOT Commitment to Fund letter for \$3.6M
- (Note: Feasibility-based estimate in 2017 just over \$7M for construction)
- Plan to begin design in 2022
- Project is to include a dedicated paved bike/ped trail adjacent to road from Greenway trail to Fisher Meadows

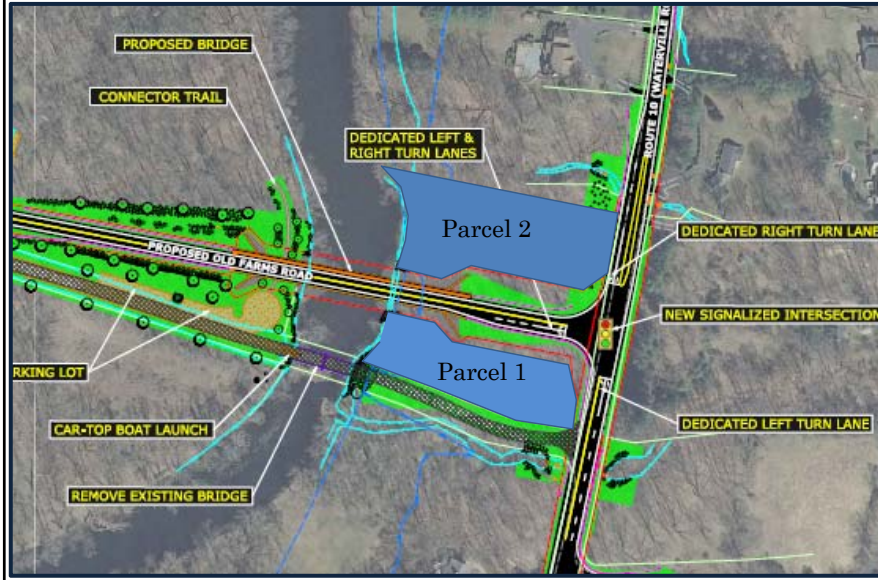
Old Farms Road Reconstruction

Current Status – East/West Section



END OF PRESENTATION

Old Farms Road, Bridge, Route 10: Parcels from CTDOT to Town



Old Farms Roadway/Bridge Two Parcel Transfers from CTDOT

